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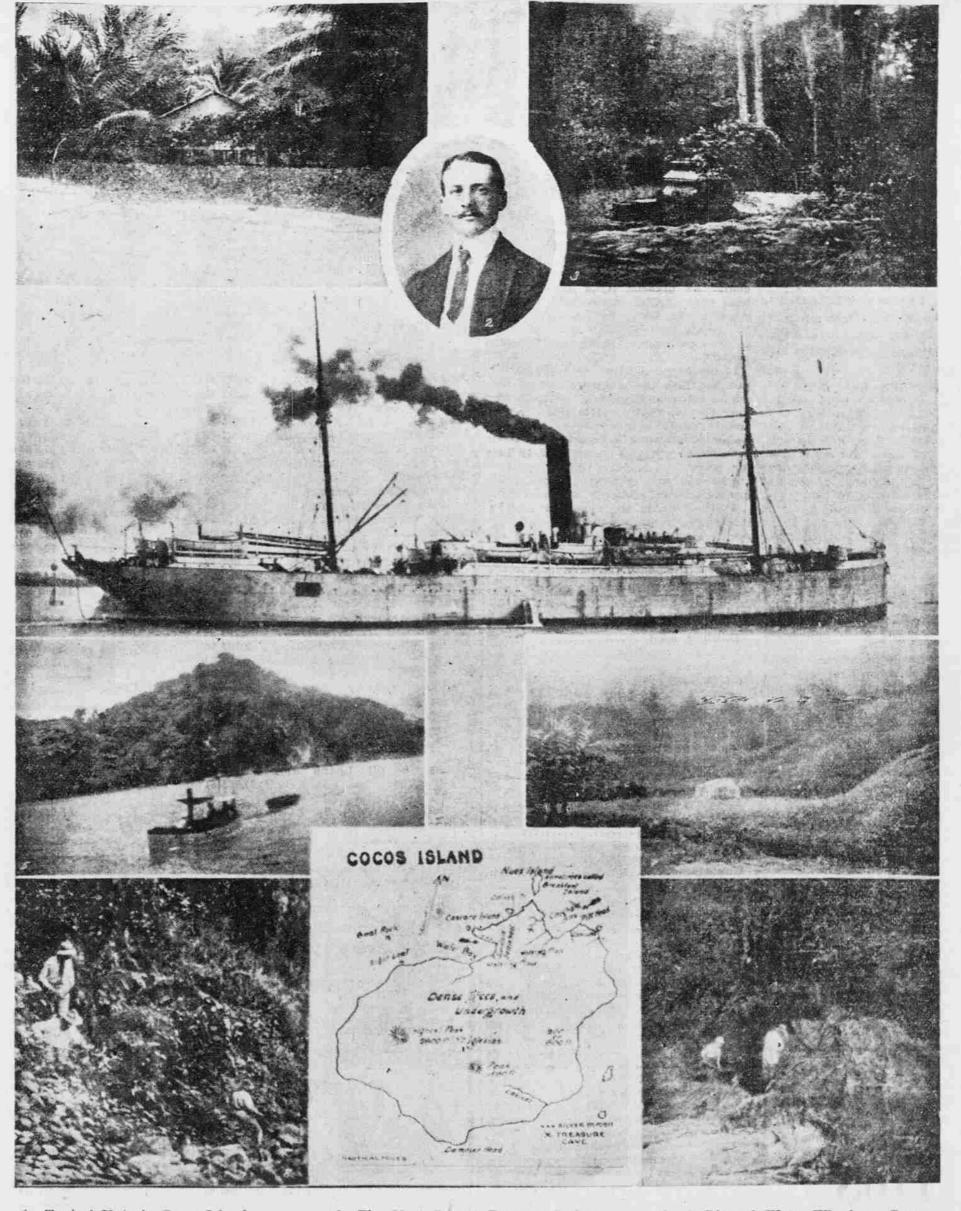
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- 1. Typical Huts in Cocos Island.
- 4. The Treasure-Seeking Ship "Veronique," formerly "Harlech Castle." (Photo Stuart.)
- 2. The Most Recent Treasure-Seeker: Earl Fitzwilliam. (Photo, Dickinson.) 5. On the Coast of Cocos Island: The
- Governor's Pinnace. 8. A Rough Task: Former Treasure-Seekers Exploring the Broken Ground.
- 3. A Disused Water-Wheel on Cocos Island,
- 6. Chart of Cocos Island, Where the
- Pirate's Treasure is Said to Lie.
- 9. Former Treasure-Seekers at Work
- On Cocos Island.

7. A Forest Clearing in Cocos Island. Admiral Palliser, who accompanied Earl Fitzwilliam's expedition, was entrusted with the secret of the pirate treasure by a Captain Hackett, and has already made two efforts to find the hoard.

A GRAZIER'S ANSWER TO M'CANDLESS'S CHARGES

Editor Advertiser: The Metropolitan Meat Company is eviin having such a disinterested protector as Senator McCandless, stand the whole of it. From what he says, the uninitiated would think that the Metropolitan stockholders were being exploited by the graziers—ground between the upper and the nether mill stones

Now what are the facts?

last fiscal year, which ended June 30th last, of over \$41,000, on a capital stock of \$191,000 or 21 and four tenths per cent-not so bad for the hardest times that Hawaii has seen for a decade.

It made this profit during a period when it was engaged in competition for several months, with the Island Meat Co., which cut down its profits on the wholesale price of beef, to 1-8 of a cent a pound. It no longer has that competition, and is now making a wholesale profit of one cent a pound, with the consequent result that during the last two months its profits have been at the rate of \$60,000 per annum, or at the rate of 31 and four tenths per cent per annum.

In the meeting of the graziers held on Monday, Mr. McCandless presented figures which he claimed, with tears in his voice. proved that if a reduction was made to the consumer, as proposed, the Metropolitan company would only be able to pay 10 per cent dividends during the coming year, with a surplus over of only \$2,000.

This statement was denied by Mr. Waller, the manager of the Metropolitan, who stated that if the reduction were made, the company would make nearly, if not quite as much, money as under the present schedule of prices, by reason of the probable large increase in consumption.

Now what of the grazier? The Metropolitan Meat Company makes from three fourths to four-fifths of its profits by acting as

a middle man between the grazier and the consumer. The other fourth or fifth it makes out of its import business.

What profits does the grazier make? The answer is, that as usual, the producer gets the little teat to suck, while the middle man is gorging himself from the main supply.

I assert without fear of contradiction that there is not a stock dently an infant industry which needs protecting, and it is fortunate ranch in Hawaii today which is paying to per cent upon its investment, while a majority of them do not pay five per cent; and yet our good Samaritan McCandless declares that if the poor abused who says that although himself a grazier, he believes in fair play, infant beef trust is reduced to the extremity of accepting only and that if there is to be any reduction to the consumer in the 10 per cent dividends with \$2,000 surpluses on the side, it is the price of meat, the grazier should stand a part of it. A few weeks victim of a conspiracy, and fills the air with his blubbering but un- Phoenix Assurance Company of Lowago, as a Metropolitan director, he voted that the grazier should called for sympathy, in the face of the declared belief of the manager of the Metropolitan and a majority of its directors, that under Providence Washington Insurance Comthe new schedule the Company will continue to make nearly if not q'uite as much profit as it has heretofore,

If at the end of the year the profits of the Metropolitan have Fourth Floor, Stangenwald Building, fallen off to only 20 per cent, it will be in order for the disinterested Senator to pass the hat among the opulent graziers for the benefit The Metropolitan Meat company made a net profit during its of the distressed corporation. Meanwhile I suggest that he save his sympathy until it is called for, or use it in helping the producers to get even a miserable 10 per cent pittance.

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